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DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL NAMES SIX INDIVIDUALS AND ONE TEAM TO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Character and talent are common traits of the new inductees.

Concord, CA – (October 28, 2008) – De La Salle High School (<http://www.dlschs.org>), a Christian Brothers Catholic school serving boys from the East Bay Area, today announced the class of 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

A selection committee made up of alumni, sports writers, De La Salle staff members and others with a history of work experience and association with the school, began a six-month process to consider nominees ending in August of 2008. A potential class of 10 individuals and 2 teams were then selected for final consideration. The Hall of Fame selection committee met on September 14, 2008 for a final vote that resulted in the election of six individuals and one team.

Nominees may be former athletes, coaches, teams, members of the athletic staff, or supporters of De La Salle athletics. The full criteria for nomination can be found on the De La Salle web site [here](#).

“This year’s class builds on the excellence of our inaugural class,” said Tim Roberts ’88, Director of Alumni Relations and committee member. “It’s really a tribute to our athletic programs that we can continue to find such outstanding alumni to honor with this distinction.” Athletic Director Leo Lopez added, “It goes without saying that these student-athletes were outstanding at their various sports, but they all played with the integrity and pride of a true Spartan, and that’s what makes them special.”

The induction ceremony will take place on the evening of February 22, 2008 in the Hofmann Student Center on the De La Salle campus. For event information, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Tim Roberts at robertst@dlschs.org.

The inductees are:

Jon Barry '87

Barry was a two-year varsity basketball player, earning team MVP honors in 1987. All-East Bay and All-League, he had one of the single greatest individual seasons ('86-'87) in the program's history. Barry earned All-ACC honors at Georgia Tech before becoming an NBA first round draft pick, where he went on to play for 14 years.

Matt Castello '80

Castello was a three-year varsity baseball player, earning all-league honors for two of those years. He received a baseball scholarship from Saint Mary's College where he was a four-year starting player. He was the team's MVP his junior and senior year and was elected to the Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame. After college he played professional baseball in both Europe and the United States.

Jason Clark '85

Clark was the De La Salle Athlete of the year in 1984. From '82 to '85 he was the North Coast Section (NCS) diving champion, winning every year of his high school career. His performance also led to high school All-American honors. He attended U.C. Berkeley for four years where he continued to compete in diving.

Joe Stocking

Stocking coached cross-country, track and field and soccer. At one point early in his De La Salle coaching career, his cross-country teams went 182-9. During the 1980s his cross-country teams won 5 CAL (Catholic Athletic League) titles and 2 NCS titles. During that same period his track teams had a record of 97-10-1 with 4 CAL titles and an NCS championship in 1986.

Amani Toomer '92

As a wide receiver, Toomer garnered numerous accolades and records at every level of football—high school, college and professional. As a senior at DLS, he was the California Interscholastic Federation Player of the Year in 1992, averaging more than 17 yards per catch. That same year he was a *USA Today*, *Sporting News*, *Parade* and *Super Prep* All-American selection as well as Gatorade California Player of the Year and Western Region Player of the Year. He went on to play for the University of Michigan where he was second in career receptions and yards. Drafted in the second round by the New York Giants, he holds the franchise records for catches, receiving yards, touchdown catches and 100-yard receiving games. He is a member of the winning Super Bowl XLII team.

Mike Vontoure '86

Vontoure was an outstanding all-around athlete, excelling in track, baseball and basketball. He was the CAL champion in the 100m, 200m, 4x100 and 4x400m relays. He was the 200m NCS champion. He was the starting center fielder on the 1985 baseball team, which went on to win both the CAL and NCS championships. On the basketball team he was a three-year starting point guard, an all-CAL player his junior and senior year and both captain and team MVP his senior year when the Spartans won the CAL title.

1985 Baseball Team

Led by coach Bill Ross, this team was both the CAL champion and De La Salle's first NCS champion baseball team. Even though they had a slow 4-4 start, they ended with a 24-4 record, reeling off 20 consecutive wins to end the season. By the end of the year they were ranked number one in the East Bay and number three in California. The team was well stocked with 5 first-team all-league starters and four of the top ten hitters in the league. On top of their play on the diamond, the team had the highest GPA of any NCS team. Seven team members went on to play collegiate baseball.

About De La Salle High School

De La Salle High School was founded as a Catholic boys' high school in the Lasallian tradition of the Christian Brothers. We come from a much longer and richer tradition, however. Our roots extend more than 300 years to 17th century France and our Founder Saint John Baptist de La Salle who had a very simple version of education: that the graduates of his Christian schools would be mature, responsible members of society and the Church. As a Lasallian school, we have an obligation to make a difference in each student's life so that when they leave us they will serve others graciously and lovingly. We cooperate with one another in a spirit of trust and care; our education is practical, accessible to all, and comprehensive. We are committed to the poor and marginalized. We work together; Brothers, Teachers and Students.

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